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Transfer of Indian Medical Service officers on civil duty to the military service.

* 1216-B *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government intend to give effect to the recommendation of the Lee Commission that a particular number of Indian Medical Service officers now on civil duty in this province be transferred to the military service; and if so, how many Indian Medical Service officers are to be so transferred, and if so, from what date; and

(*b*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for not giving effect to the recommendations?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the press communiqué issued by the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, on the 10th May 1928, which contains the details of a scheme sanctioned by the Secretary of State for the re-organization of the Indian Medical Service. This Government are now in correspondence with the Government of India regarding the reversion to the Military department of four Indian Medical Service officers who have not acquired a right to permanent employment in the Civil Medical department in this Presidency.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—" In the second sentence of the answer given to this question it is stated: " This Government are now in correspondence with the Government of India regarding the reversion to the Military department of four Indian Medical Service officers who have not acquired a right to permanent employment in the Civil Medical department in this Presidency. May I know whether this question will be decided before the end of this financial year ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" That lies with the Government of India."

Opening of a separate Medical College for Women in this Presidency.

1217 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to open a separate Medical College for women in this Presidency ; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to raise the Lady Willingdon Medical School to a College?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There are no such proposals.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government are contributing actually about 5 to 13 lakhs of rupees for opening a new Medical College at Vellore ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" If the question is whether the Government propose to open a medical college at Vellore, then the answer is ' No '."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I want to know, if they are not going to open a college themselves, whether they are not going to contribute a large sum to a missionary institution who are opening a medical college there."

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"That is a separate question and I would ask for notice."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—"May I know whether as a question of policy the Government do not consider it desirable that there should be one college for both men and women so far as medical education is concerned and this is also what the committee appointed by the London University has recently recommended in their report?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"It may be so, Sir."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—"May I know if the hon. Minister is likely to follow that policy?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"That will be considered."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether it is likely that he will be granting aid to institutions or bodies which will be opening medical colleges for women only?"

The hon. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Government have at present no idea of opening medical colleges anywhere in the Presidency and as for grants the question will have to be decided when an application is made."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—"May I know whether the Government are not contributing to an institution which is opening a medical college at Vellore for women only?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"That is a separate question for which I want notice."

Public Health.

Government aid to Ayurvedic dispensaries in the Presidency.

*1218 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has any scheme to render aid to deserving private Ayurvedic dispensaries in the Presidency which have been rendering medical assistance to the people ; and

(b) if the answer to clause (a) is in the positive what provision he intends to make for the purpose in the coming budget?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) In the absence of applications for grant no provision could be made for the purpose in the next year's budget. The Government will, however, consider applications for aid that may be received in future.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"In view of the answer given to clause (b) that "The Government will however consider applications for aid that may be received in future", may I know how the hon. Minister will meet the necessities of the situation when applications are made?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"When applications are made the matter will be considered in connexion with the budget to be framed in the next year." 11-30 a.m.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if the hon. Minister intends to wait for one year before he takes any step in this direction?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"It is a hypothetical question."